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## WITHOUT GLOVES

### Arkansas Senator Goes For the Trusts

## THE OIL TRUST ESPECIALLY

### Declares it is the He-Trust of the Country

Speech Was Listened to Attentively by Senators and Crowded Galleries. Speaker Asserted That the Only Things Not in a Trust Were Acorns and Persimmons—Advocated Imprisonment of Trust Magnates and Denounced Gambling in Necessaries of Life.

Washington, December 11.—Passionate oratory marked the proceedings of the senate today. Senator Jefferson Davis of Arkansas, who when elected declared that he would attack the trusts immediately after taking his seat, fulfilled his promise, although he was a few days late in doing so. His speech was filled with sensational declarations and was given with that vigor for which the Arkansas Senator is famed in his own state. Quaint phrasing, pointed denunciation, and evidences of intense emotion characterized his remarks. He was given a rapt hearing by senators and the galleries were well filled throughout the time he held the floor. Beginning shortly before 1 o'clock he spoke for a little more than an hour. At the close of his speech the senate went into executive session and at 2:10 o'clock adjourned.

The house was not in session today. Senator Davis began by declaring that it was not his purpose to retain his seat in the senate until his hair shall have grown gray before taking up his work actively in that body. He proposed to present quickly, fearlessly and as intelligently as he might some of the living, burning questions before the American people. It was for that reason he had determined to speak upon his bill to suppress trusts, pools, combinations and conspiracies. After declaring that his bill, vigorously enforced, would kill the trusts, Senator Davis, with dramatic effect, challenged any senator to step forward and contest the issue with him. Speaking of the annual appropriations for the expense of the government, amounting to \$900,000,000, he turned to Senator Beveridge and added:

"Pile it up on this floor and let my good looking young friend the Senator from Indiana, start to count it. He would be as old as Methuselah before he could count half of it."

The senator detailed appropriations made for maintaining the white house. "And yet," he continued, "President Roosevelt has but five children—at home."

This inadvertence of speech brought laughter from all parts of the chamber. "Everything," declared Senator Davis, "is in a trust except acorns and persimmons."

"Holy writ admonishes us to go into the vineyard and work. I have found nothing in the good book that warrants any of us going into the vineyard to corner all the grapes."

"The president," he said, "has taken off the dollar the words 'In God We Trust.' It's time to take it off. I wonder what the grand old party is going to put on the dollar."

"This panic was started by these trust magnates and stock gamblers in order that they might take from the cotton producers half of their property," he added.

"I am for the under-dog, Senator MacLaurin," he said, addressing this senator who sat before him, "whenever you hear of a dog fight just say 'Jeff Davis is for the under-dog.'"

He read some statistics on the Standard Oil Company and stepping out into the centre aisle stamped his foot and said:

"The Standard Oil is the old he-trust of the country. It is a trust that has all the paraphernalia and earmarks of a trust. I dislike the Standard Oil; I hate the smell of coal oil. Petroleum makes me sick. Oh, sir, something ought to be done to curtail the great power of this monster trust—John D. Rockefeller trust—the great Standard Oil trust."

"I undertake to say," he continued, "that if this bill is enacted into law and faithfully and honestly executed, trusts will be wiped from the face of the earth and no longer will we feel their grinding and destroying grip on the arteries of trade and commerce. A domestic corporation found fir-

ing the price of any article bought, by the Standard Oil, is a trust. The only remedy for successful treatment is the vigorous anti-trust law. The only remedy for successful treatment is the vigorous anti-trust law. The only remedy for successful treatment is the vigorous anti-trust law.

Congress should not hesitate in its work of destroying the trusts because of any fear of unsettling business, he continued. He spoke of the Sherman anti-trust law. "Has it proved effectual," he asked. "Has it destroyed a single trust? Under its operation have they not grown strong, defiant and arrogant? Almost for seventeen years the Sherman anti-trust law is upon our statute books, more than four times as long as it took the north to wipe out the south upon the bloody fields of battle. Nearly seven years of Mr. Roosevelt's strenuous term has passed with all the machinery of the government at his back with the great power of the chief executive at his hands, yet I will ask some republican senator upon this floor tell me one trust that he has ever tamed much less destroyed."

"Ah, Mr. President, it was stated by the metropolitan press before I entered this august body, flippantly too, that before I had been in the senate six months the trust magnates would have me feeding out of their hands. I may share crumbs with Lazarus but I swear to you today, by every God in the calendar, that I shall never eat from the hands of Mammon."

"I want to say to you, sir, and to the members of this senate that you need not lose any sleep about a corporation getting his rights. You need not lose any sleep about unjust discriminations against them. They will take care of themselves. But rather should our solicitude be for the man who bears the burdens of the government."

"This is an age when men have gone mad in their frenzied efforts for the dollar. This is an age when money is placed above man, when gold is placed above God. When we would sell ourselves, our government, our all for one bright smile from the god of mammon. What is money, Mr. President, that it is held so priceless? You cannot eat it, you cannot wear it, your shroud has no pocket in it, and St. Peter will not receive it for admission into the golden gates."

"When we look to the leading cause of this great wealth upon the part of these great corporations and the causes leading to their formation, to the formation of trusts, we are compelled to go further than republican authority itself and take the sworn testimony of Mr. Havemeyer, the great sugar king, who has gone to his reward, be it good or bad, who has gone to that land and that climate where St. Peter does not take 'sugar' in his' and where money is of no value."

He recalled Mr. Havemeyer's statement before the industrial commission that "the tariff is the mother of trusts."

He explained that his bill would not permit corporations to sell their products in one part of the country at a less price than they sell such products in another part.

"What is needed today by the trust magnates of this union in order to make them respect the law and obey its solemn mandates," he said, "is that they be treated like ordinary felons, is that the strong arm of the law be laid against them just as it would a horse thief or any one else charged with crime. Land them in the penitentiary, place felon stripes, the doxology of a mispent life, upon them, and you will see the trusts are busted and the people will get relief."

He declared that while he is an alarmist, he is not an anarchist or a socialist.

"There is too much gold," he declared, "there is too much glitter; there is too much gloss; there is too much of tinsel and I say, sir, that unless conditions change it will not be long before the American statesmen will be wearing knee breeches with brass buckles and powdered wigs and bowing down to semi-royalty."

He denounced stock gambling and said he would do away with gambling in cotton, grain and the necessities of life.

## COTTON BROKERS INDICTED

Charged With Using Fraudulent Cotton Warehouse Receipts.

Norfolk, Va., December 11.—Peter A. and Alex. M. Agelesto, prominent cotton brokers, were today indicted on three counts by a special grand jury in the corporation court, charging grand larceny in that they are alleged to have secured money from three local banks on cotton warehouse receipts covering 5,000 bales of cotton not in existence. Peter A. Agelesto was bailed in the sum of \$10,000. Alex. M. Agelesto is in New York, but it is understood that he will immediately return and give bond.

## MUCH-TALKED OF COMPROMISE

### Governor Glenn Makes Statement of His Position

Tells of Proposition He Made to Railroads Were Accepted by Southern and Seaboard and Declined by A. C. L. and Others

(Special to The Messenger.)  
Raleigh, N. C., December 11.—Your correspondent interviewed Governor Glenn regarding the status of the passenger rate matter and in the interview the governor said that as was well known the only proposition he had made to the railroads in the first instance was to obey the law, and if they found the new rate worked a hardship, and made it appear as if the legislature in special session. To this proposition the Southern railway made a counter one, asking him to recommend the same terms accepted by the governor of Alabama. The governor, not thinking these latter terms were sufficient, declined to do so. He was then asked if there was any proposition he would make to the roads, subject, of course, to the approval of the legislature. After consulting the council of state, corporation commission and the state attorneys he made the following proposition. "That he would recommend to the legislature an increase of the flat rate from 24 cents to 25, provided the railroads change the interstate rate from 2 and 24 to 25, making it uniform in all states, and in addition, give mileage books for firms and employees not over five in number, for 2 cents, these to be both interstate and intrastate, and interchangeable, also thousand mile books at 2 cents, at 2 cents, the railroads to pay the cost of the legislation to date, the railway objected as to the family mileage books and gave good reasons why they could not afford to issue the latter. So this part of the proposition was so amended as to make the rate 23 cents. These terms were accepted by the Southern and the Seaboard Air Line, but the Atlantic Coast Line and a few other roads declined to accept them and it was useless to call the legislature together to submit the matter unless it was acquiesced in by all the roads. Nothing further was done as to calling the extra session. Governor Glenn said the terms he proposed were subject to approval by the legislature and would have been the best and that he greatly regrets all the trouble cannot be amicably settled by the other roads agreeing.

## REACHES HAMPTON ROADS

Arrival of Minnesota Battleship Fleet of Pacific Bound Battleships.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 11.—The last vacant berth in the imposing double line of Pacific bound battleships was filled this afternoon when the heavily armored Minnesota, flagship of Rear Admiral Thomas, steamed into Hampton Roads and took her place at the head of the outward column. The Minnesota is the ranking member of the second squadron of the fleet and Admiral Thomas, who commands this squadron, has duties and responsibilities second only to those of the commander-in-chief, Rear Admiral Evans.

The size and dignity of the fleet that is to carry the flag through the Magellan straits and such an important new chapter to American naval history is best emphasized by the fact that no less than four rear admirals are in command.

## MILITARY ORDERED TO SCENE

"Night Riders" Make Another Raid on Hopkinsville.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 11.—Another raid by "night riders" on Hopkinsville is underway tonight, according to information received by Governor A. E. Willson by telephone.

Governor Willson ordered Company H, Third Kentucky National Guard to proceed to Hopkinsville from Lexington, forty miles away, by special train if necessary.

Major Bassett telephoned that he had received reports from many reliable sources that the night riders from Trigg county were forming tonight for a raid on Hopkinsville with the intention of completing the work of destruction begun last Friday.

Major Bassett declared if the riders should prove as numerous and as well organized as on the previous raid, his company would be inadequate to cope with the situation. He strongly recommended sending reinforcements at once.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Stockholders of Railroad Hold Annual Meeting.

Augusta, Ga., December 11.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Georgia and Florida railroad was held here today. Immediately after the election of the board of directors they elected the following officers: President—John Skelton Williams, of Richmond. First Vice President—Frank O. Brown, of New York. Second Vice President—E. L. Bemis, of Richmond. Third Vice President—J. M. Wilkinson, of Valdosta, Ga. General Counsel—William H. Barrett, of Augusta. Secretary—C. F. Williams, of Richmond.

## WILL ADHERE TO DECLARATION

### Roosevelt Will Not be Candidate For Third Term

Authoritative Statement From the White House—President reiterates his determination to abide by the announcement made three years ago.

Washington, December 11.—President Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term. All doubt on this point was tonight dispelled by the authoritative statement from the white house that Mr. Roosevelt still adheres to the declaration made on the night of the election, three years ago. In the statement issued tonight President Roosevelt says he has not changed and shall not change the decision communicated to the American people in 1904.

In view of the issuance of the "all" the republican national committee for the convention, the president made the following statement:

"On the night of the election I made the following announcement:

"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the fourth of March next I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years, constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for, or accept another nomination."

"I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced."

Representative Ollie James, of Kentucky, said: "It is a complete surrender on Roosevelt's part to the corporation element of the republican party and an announcement in advance of a surrender and the forecasting of the defeat in the national convention of the policies of which he stands. This will make Bryan stronger than ever."

Lincoln, Neb., December 11.—When told tonight that President had made positive declaration that he would not be a candidate for re-election, W. J. Bryan expressed no surprise. He declared that the position of the president was as he had thought it to be Mr. Bryan said:

"I have assumed from the beginning that President Roosevelt would not be a candidate. The statement that he issued the night of election left no room for misunderstanding; and I have felt that his friends were doing him an injustice in suggesting that he would change his position on the subject."

## NO RIOT IN COUNTY

Everything Quiet and There Has Been But Little Excitement.

Montgomery, Ala., December 11.—A telegraphic request to Editor W. J. Peters, of the Gordo Messenger, for an accurate account of the alleged riots in Pickens county brings the Advertiser the following reply tonight: "There has not been a riot in this county. Twenty negroes were arrested at Lowe Town two miles from Gordo, for interfering with an officer. Negroes fired on the officer and killed his negro prisoner. The officer Constable R. V. Lowe, was slightly wounded. Everything is quiet, there has been little excitement."

The correspondent of the Advertiser at Columbus, Mississippi, E. B. Kirksey, a reliable newspaper man sends substantially the same statement of the Pickens county trouble as Mr. Peters, and adds:

"This the true story of the riots. All contrary accounts are untrue."

## SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Contract Given for Publication of North Carolina History.

(Special to The Messenger.)  
Raleigh, N. C., December 11.—The state board of education completed a contract for publication of North Carolina history, written by Prof. D. H. Hill, of the A. and M. college, for use in public schools the contract is with Stone & Barringer, of Charlotte. Governor accepted the resignations of two captains of companies in the First regiment infantry, J. D. Terry, Company C, Winston-Salem, and W. S. Charles, Company D, Charlotte. Supreme court filed an extraordinary large number of opinions as follows: Latta vs. Power Company, from Gaston, no error; Hall vs. Railway Company, from Person, appeal dismissed; State vs. Hooker, from Moore, no error; Abree will case, from Burke no error; Aiken vs. Manufacturing Company, from Burke, new trial; Williams entry, from Burke, modified and affirmed; Land Company vs. Lang from Buncombe, error; White vs. Southern Railway Company, from Buncombe, reversed; Loftis vs. Duckworth, from Transylvania, affirmed; Kesterson vs. Southern Railway, from Buncombe, no error; Lambert vs. Express Company from Buncombe, affirmed; State vs. Bossee, from Transylvania, action dismissed; Davis vs. Martin, from Rutherford, affirmed; State vs. Keebler, from

## DEATH LIST GROWS

Number of Victims Will Probably Reach 500

Over Fifty Funerals Held Yesterday. Thought That All the Remaining Bodies Will be Recovered Within Next 48 Hours—Relief Work Progressing Satisfactorily—300 Widows and 1,000 Orphans Result of Disaster.

## 225 BODIES TAKEN OUT

Conditions Outside of the Mines Much Improved

Monongah, W. Va., December 11.—Steadily and almost uninterruptedly Mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal Company are giving up the victims of last Friday's explosion. When tonight's force of rescuers went on duty there had been a total of 225 bodies taken out, most of which have been buried. Others were brought out in groups of two or three at short intervals. A number of bodies brought out today did not bear the brass checks used in the company's system of records and accounts of the majority of its employees, thus substantiating the statement of Monday that a large number of men and boys in the mines were not included in the checking rolls upon which estimates of the dead were largely based. This has also dispelled the hope expressed by mining officials the past few days that the number of dead had been over-estimated. There is reason to believe tonight that the number will not fall far short of 500.

A canvass of miners homes will be completed tomorrow and this, together with a list of hundreds of unclaimed letters in the postoffice, will furnish data for a new and probably more accurate estimate.

Conditions outside the mine tonight are much improved, earth freezing solid and making the work much easier.

An opening between the two mines was completed and it is expected that within 48 hours all the bodies found will have been taken to the morgue.

Over fifty funerals were held today. On each casket there was a bunch of American Beauty roses or white carnations. The source of the flowers remained secret until late in the day, when it was learned that Miss Elizabeth, daughter of L. Watson, treasurer of the coal company, had ordered them.

The relief work is progressing in a satisfactory manner.

In reply to an expression of sympathy and offer of assistance from the Cleveland chamber of commerce May or Arnett wired that the relief committee figured on 300 widows and 1,000 orphans as a result of the disaster and it was no question that destitution among them would be very great.

## MAY GO TO WILSON.

Next Baptist State Convention Will Probably be Held in This City

It appears probable from an article in yesterday's Wilson Times that the next Baptist state convention will go to Wilson, if the citizens of that town find that they are able to entertain the delegates.

The Times says:

"In another column is an article calling the members of the Baptist church of this city together for the purpose of considering whether Wilson is able to entertain the Baptist convention next year. Rev. Mr. Jenkins who has just returned from the state convention at Wilmington stated in his pulpit Sunday that he was approached while in Wilmington and asked whether Wilson could entertain the convention next year, and he said that he did not know."

"The Times desires to say as far as it can see, and we believe that all our people will heartily accord with us in saying it, that Wilson will take great pleasure in entertaining the association, and that the Baptists need have no hesitancy in extending a cordial invitation to their brethren and friends to hold their next meeting in our city. Wilson has always been noted as a hospitable town with the latch string always out."

When shopping spend your cash with the Polvogt Co. They will give two trading stamps for one week. It

## USED NO UNFAIR METHODS

Dula a Good Witness for American Tobacco Company.

New York, December 11.—Caleb C. Dula of the American Tobacco company, testifying today in the hearing of the case of the government against the so-called tobacco trust, said the American Tobacco company never resorted to unfair or legitimate methods to press its goods against those of a competitor. He denied that the American company ever attempted to slander or boycott the goods of independent concerns and declared that they preferred to meet competition fairly and by legitimate methods. He said further that his company has no agreement with jobbers or any one concerning the marketing of its goods.

In the course of his testimony today Mr. Dula said his company voluntarily abandoned the use of the union label on its goods, after giving notice of its intention to do so. He said the abandonment of the label had not affected the company's business.

## HOKE SMITH ON SITUATION

Southern Democrats Should Act Together and Take Part in Leadership of the Party.

New York December 11.—Hoke Smith governor of Georgia who was here today to attend meeting of the trustees of the Peabody education fund said in an interview:

"National politics is chaotic. The more I look at it the more chaotic the situation appears. I do not know how things will develop. I do know that there is a sentiment among Southern democrats for concerted action."

"The south does not mean to be treated any longer as if it were in a state of secession. Southern democrats are just as loyal as any others."

"There is no one in the south now who wants the democratic presidential nomination, but if the south had a candidate of its own I think the southern democrats would not hesitate to support him in the convention."

"The feeling is general among southern democrats that the time has come when they must do their own thinking in national affairs and not merely accept what others have thought for them. The feeling is that the time has come upon southern democrats to act together and take part in the leadership of the party."